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Reports of States and yearly and monthly reports of cities of the United States.

CALIFORNIA—Los Angeles.—Month of December, 1898. Estimated population, 103,000. Total number of deaths, 159, including diphtheria, 4; enteric fever, 6; influenza, 3, and 35 from phthisis pulmonalis.

ILLINOIS—Chicago.—Month of December, 1898. Estimated population, 1,750,000. Total number of deaths, 1,849, including diphtheria, 77; enteric fever, 55; influenza, 6; measles, 1; scarlet fever, 10; whooping cough, 2, and 200 from phthisis pulmonalis.

IOWA—Burlington.—Month of December, 1898. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 32, including enteric fever, 1; measles, 1, and 5 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Cedar Falls.—Estimated population, 6,000. Total number of deaths, 9, including la grippe, 1, and 1 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Davenport.—Estimated population, 36,000. Total number of deaths, 55, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 1; la grippe, 1, and 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Des Moines.—Census population, 50,093. Total number of deaths, 76, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 1; la grippe, 2, and 11 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Dubuque.—Estimated population, 45,000. Total number of deaths, 37, including diphtheria, 4, and 9 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Eldora.—Census population, 1,577. Total number of deaths, 1.

Indianola.—Estimated population, —. Total number of deaths, 1.

Keokuk.—Estimated population, 19,305. Total number of deaths, 11, including 1 from la grippe.

Marengo.—Estimated population, 2,800. Total number of deaths, 1.

Oskaloosa.—Estimated population, 12,000. Total number of deaths, 4.

Ottumwa.—Estimated population, 19,000. Total number of deaths, 25, including diphtheria, 1, and 4 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Sibley.—Estimated population, 1,500. Total number of deaths, 1.

Silver City.—Estimated population, 350. Total number of deaths, 2.

Sioux City.—Estimated population, 36,000. Total number of deaths, 20, including 1 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Tipton.—Census population, 1,599. Total number of deaths, 2.

The Iowa Health Bulletin says:

The following reports of infectious diseases for the month of December have been made to the secretary:

Diphtheria.—Ottumwa, Keokuk, Dubuque, Liberty Township, Hamilton County; Marion Township, Plymouth County; Danbury, McCallsburg, Alta, Thompson, Smyrna, Hilton Township, Iowa County; Breda, Radcliffe, Larchwood, Princeton, Grant Township, Hardin County; Ellsworth, New Providence, Davenport, Tipton.

Scarlet fever.—Dubuque, Iowa City, Hillsdale, Vinton, Lenox, Linn County; Rock Rapids, Coon Valley Township, Sac County; Sac City, Adair, Corning, Caledonia Township, O'Brien County; Carbon, Lake Township, Humboldt County; Davenport.

Measles.—Ottumwa, Silver City, Burlington, Grand Junction, Carbon, Corning.

Tuberculosis.—Burlington, Dubuque, Cedar Falls, Ottumwa.

Typhoid fever.—Burlington, Stanwood.

Whooping cough.—Corning.

Smallpox.—Fremont County.

MAINE—*Portland*.—Four weeks ended January 21, 1899. Estimated population, 41,500. Total number of deaths, 85, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 1; la grippe, 1, and 8 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended January 21, from 60 observers, indicate that intermittent fever, inflammation of kidney, neuralgia, and scarlet fever increased in area of prevalence. Phthisis pulmonalis was reported present at 94, scarlet fever at 50, enteric fever at 29, diphtheria at 22, measles at 20, whooping cough at 15, and smallpox at 2 places—Detroit and Bedford Township.

Coldwater.—Year ended December 31, 1898. Estimated population, 5,286. Total number of deaths, 78, including enteric fever, 1; influenza, 4; whooping cough, 1, and 6 from phthisis pulmonalis.

NEW YORK.—Reports to the State board of health, Albany, for the month of December from 157 cities, towns, and villages, show a total of 10,877 deaths, including diphtheria, 244; enteric fever, 156; measles, 38; scarlet fever, 53; whooping cough, 59, and 1,185 from phthisis pulmonalis. The Monthly Bulletin says:

There was an average daily mortality during December of 350, against 290 in November and 295 in December, 1897, the death rate being 19 per 1,000 population annually; the average daily mortality for the entire year was 330, against 320 in 1897. The number of deaths this month was only exceeded in July, August, and September. In the zymotic mortality there is no increase over last month and no material variation in the deaths from any of this group, and this is generally true as regards these two months. With the exception of puerperal diseases, cancer, and violence, all other causes of death have increased mortalities. There were nearly 1,000 more deaths from acute respiratory diseases, and about 500 more from diseases of the urinary, circulatory, and nervous systems, 100 more from old and 400 more from unclassified diseases. Compared with December, 1897, the zymotic diseases vary but little in mortality, being somewhat less, but there were 700 more deaths from acute respiratory diseases this month, 500 more from other local diseases, 60 more from old age, and 300 more from unclassified causes. La grippe became epidemic during the month and may be estimated to have caused 1,800 deaths, many deaths being reported from it directly, but most having increased above the normal the mortalities mentioned. The infant mortality is excessive for December. Diarrheal and digestive diseases have a moderately increased mortality, due probably to inflammatory intestinal sequences of la grippe. Consumption also has an excessive mortality (1,185 deaths). Diphtheria continues much less prevalent than a year ago. There is no noteworthy variations from the normal in other zymotic causes of death. Cases of smallpox have newly developed at Bergen, in Genesee County, originating at Le Roy, and at Penfield, Mendon,

Clarkson, and Brockport, in Monroe County, continuing in the city of Rochester; at other points it is suspended or checked. The mean average temperature of the month was 1° below the normal, generally a lowest temperature of from 3° to 24° being reported and winter weather prevailing with wind westerly of high velocity. The precipitation was near the average, and the mean relative humidity 75 per cent.

Yonkers.—Month of December, 1898. Estimated population, 42,000. Total number of deaths, 63, including diphtheria, 1; la grippe, 2; whooping cough, 2, and 5 from phthisis pulmonalis.

OHIO—*Bridgeport*.—Year ended December 31, 1898. Estimated population, 3,369. Total number of deaths, 40, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 5, and 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Cincinnati.—Month of December, 1898. Estimated population, 405,000. Total number of deaths, 535, including diphtheria, 4; enteric fever, 21; la grippe, 11, and 67 from phthisis pulmonalis.